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**Finding Aid to the
Marguerite (Bullinger-Gustin) Lien
Collection
2005.08**

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OVERVIEW

Donor: Marguerite Lien

Accession Date: 20 July 2005

Collection Number: 023

Quantity: .6 linear feet

Summary: Twenty-eight (28) photographic images, circa 1885-1900, concerning the Gustin family, Halbstadt, Russia and Flasher, North Dakota. Two (2) religious ephemera, circa 1900. Manuscripts, correspondence, and subject files, 2005-2008.

Languages: English

Links:

- [Photograph collection on GRHC website](#)
- [Photograph collection on NDSU Institutional Repository \(DSpace\)](#)

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BIOGRAPHY

Lorenz/Lawrence Gustin was born at Halbstadt, Beresan District in 1860 and died on his farm North of Flasher, North Dakota in 1925. Lorenz Gustin named the St. Lawrence mission church at Flasher.

Lorenz's father was Bartholomeus Gustin, born in 1826 at Rastadt, Beresan District and died in November 1897 in Karlsruhe, Beresan District. Lorenz's mother was Maria-Eva Schoeller Gustin, born in 1819 in Karlsruhe and died in 1887 in Karlsruhe, Beresan District. [Reference by Marguerite Bullinger Lien: "Ancestors and Descendants of Bartholomeus and Maria-Eva Gustin."]

Lorenz Gustin attended school in Karlsruhe and further educated at [Saint Benedict's Abbey] Roman Catholic Seminary at Saratov, Volga Region, Russia. Lorenz was planning for priesthood, but married Margaretha Roether on January 25, 1882 in Halbstadt.

Margaretha Roether was a daughter of Joseph Roether (1819-?) and Carolina Siegel (1820-1882) in Karlsruhe, Beresan District. Margaretha's grandfather Johanners Roether (1782-?) was founding settler at Karlsruhe in 1809; he was a professional textiles weaver. Johannes Roether married Katherina Baron, whose father Simon Baron (1763-?) was a founding settler in Karlsruhe in 1809. Simon Baron, a carpenter, married Katherina Filikis (born 1776 in Neukirch, Baden, Germany): Both were the parents of Katherine Baron Roether.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The main focus of the **Marguerite (Bullinger-Gustin) Lien Collection** is twenty-eight (28) photographic images that were housed in an ancestral Gustin-Roether family photograph album from Halbstadt/Schoenfeld, Beresan District, South Russia to Flasher/Glen Ullin, North Dakota. Also found within the album were two religious prayer cards, circa 1900. The photographs and prayer cards were housed in a cloth-bound photo album with a celluloid cover. These items were removed from the album for archival purposes. Also contained within the Marguerite Bullinger/Gustin Lien Collection are four folders of materials related to the Gustin family and the identity of the subjects of the photographs. The organization and listing of the photographs is based upon the initial inventory and the order in which the images appear in the photo album.

The **Manuscripts Folder** contains a grouping of hand-written notes concerning the identity of the subjects of the photographs and also Gustin family history. The author and date of these materials is unknown.

The **Correspondence Folder** contains correspondence between from Ms. Bullinger/Gustin-Lien to the GRHC concerning the identification of the photographs. These date from 2005-2006.

The **Photograph Information Folder** contains materials regarding the photographs and their subjects. Also within this folder are one CD-ROM and one 3.5" floppy disk with scans of the photographs.

The **Subject Files Folder** contains three items. A brochure for the "Journey to the Homeland Tour" of 2006 featuring some hand-written corrections is present in this folder. Also contained in the Subject Files Folder is a packet of information concerning "Witnesses for Christ: A German 20th Century Martyrology", a publication regarding the Conference of German Bishops. Also

present is a color photocopy of the cover for the sheet music of the song “Hail to Abbey! Hail” by Fr. Lambert OSB, and published by the Assumption Entertainers Club.

The [Photographic Images Series](#) is comprised of twenty-eight photographs, once housed in a family photo album. On the back of the album is inscribed “Lorenz Gustin, Flasher, North Dakota.” The Photograph Series contains twenty-eight photographs mostly of portraits relating to the family. The portraits include family, individual, and group. The subjects are listed below. The photographic formats represented within this series are twenty-one cabinet photographs, six cartes de visites, one albumen print, and one real photo postcard. Some of the photographic studios represented within this series are Fallman, Eureka, South Dakota; Welch, Mandan, North Dakota; F.X. Ostermayr, Munich, Germany; N. Goldberg, Saratov, Russia; J. Murnseer, Karlsruhe, Germany; Gogler, New York City, New York; and Bostwick, New York City. Photograph identification and other information was taken from the family history, [Twice Pioneers](#). The photographs date from c. 1885-1900. Also placed within this series is one folder of photocopies of the photographs from Marguerite Bullinger/Gustin Lien Collection, as well as other photocopies of unidentified photographs found in the collection.

The [Ephemera Series](#) contains religious prayer devotion cards with colorful images. One is in German and titled “Sacred Heart of Mary” and the other “Immaculate Conception.” These items date from c. 1900.

The [Artifact Series](#) contains one item: the photo album that housed the photographs in this collection. It is cloth-bound with red and orange colored fabric on the back and a clasp closure. The front features a celluloid cover that depicts a pastoral scene, which is cracked. It measures 8 ½” x 10 ½”. The album is housed within its own box, Box 2, which is maintained with the remainder of the collection.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box/Folder	Contents
1/1	Finding aid, detailed inventory, and initial inventory
1/2	Manuscripts
1/3	Correspondence
1/4	Photograph information
1/5	Subject files

PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES SERIES

1/6	Photographs 01-05
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- 2005.08.01 Portrait of Simon Stern and his wife, circa 1900
- 2005.08.02 Portrait of Lorenz Gustin and Margaretha Roether Gustin with Anna Maria Gustin Schaf and Mathias Schaf, circa 1900
- 2005.08.03 Portrait of Elizabeth Roether, and her husband Henry Loran, circa 1900
- 2005.08.04 Unidentified couple (believed to be Frederick Roether and his wife), circa 1900
- 2005.08.05 Portrait of Mike Hellman and his wife, circa 1900

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Photographs 06-10

- 2005.08.06 Portrait of Father Leonhard Eberle, 1896
- 2005.08.07 Wedding portrait of Julius and Clementine Bullinger, 1905
- 2005.08.08 Photographic postcard of Father Leonhard Eberle, 1908
- 2005.08.09 Portrait of Bishop Antonius Zerr, circa 1905
- 2005.08.10 Wedding portrait of John Gustin and Gertrude Schmidt, 1903

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Photographs 11-15

- 2005.08.11 Wedding portrait of Alexander Waite and his bride, circa 1895
- 2005.08.12 Wedding portrait of an unidentified couple, circa 1885 (man is believed to be Maria Eva Schoeller's son)
- 2005.08.13 Wedding portrait of an unidentified couple, circa 1900 (groom is believed to be the son of Henry Loran and Elizabeth Gustin Loran)
- 2005.08.14 Portrait of Frank Yantzer with his wife and young son in Halbstadt, circa 1905
- 2005.08.15 Valentine Roether with his wife, circa 1900

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Photographs 16-20

- 2005.08.16 Valentine Roether family, circa 1905
- 2005.08.17 Phillip Roether with his wife and two children, circa 1900
- 2005.08.18 Portrait of Rose Roether, circa 1905
- 2005.08.19 Portrait of an unidentified couple (woman is believed to be Julius Bullinger's aunt), circa 1875
- 2005.08.20 Portrait of an unidentified woman (Inscribed: "Sister of Great grandfather Gustin"), circa 1880

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Photographs 21-25

- 2005.08.21 Portrait of Father Scherr, circa 1900
- 2005.08.22 Portrait of Lorenz Gustin, circa 1885
- 2005.08.23 Portrait of an unidentified man in a military uniform (believed to be either Andrew Loran or Otto Gustin), circa 1895
- 2005.08.24 Portrait of an unidentified woman (Niece to both Margaretha Roether Gustin and Rose/Rosa Roether), circa 1900
- 2005.08.25 Portrait of Karolina (Siegel) Roether with a child, 1856

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Photographs 26-30

- 2005.08.26 Portrait of Father Prior Adelhelm Odermatt, 1916
- 2005.08.29 Portrait of Maria Eva Schoeller, circa 1900
- 2005.08.30 Portrait of an unidentified woman (Believed to be the daughter of Maria Eva Schoeller)

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EPHEMERA SERIES

- 2005.08.27 Sacred Heart of Mary, circa 1900
- 2005.08.28 Immaculate Conception, circa 1900

ARTIFACT SERIES

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Photo album